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PLEASE CONVEY SUBSTANCE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ACTING
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TABOR TO SENIOR DEPUTY MINISTER
MEHRAN:

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1. PROPOSAL FROM MEHRAN PASSED TO TABOR BY IRANIAN EMBASSY

MINISTER MAJD APRIL 3 CONCERNING SHORT FORMAL MEETINGS OF THE ENTIRE DELEGATIONS MORNING APRIL 21 AND AFTERNOON APRIL 23 IN CONJUNCTION WITH MEETINGS OF WORKING GROUPS ON HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE. THIS IS ACCEPTABLE IN CONCEPT. WE FEEL HOWEVER WASHINGTON MEETINGS WOULD BE MUCH MORE MEANINGFUL WITH ADDITIONS OF TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES AND HEALTH CARE WORKING GROUP MEETINGS AS OUTLINED BELOW IF THESE ALSO CAN EVOLVE.

2. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: OUR VIEWS CONCERNING REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ARE CONTAINED PARA 3 OF STATE 74063.

3. TRANSPORTATION: EMBASSY SHOULD ADVISE GOI THAT DOT IS READY TO SEND EXPERTS TO MEET WITH IRANIAN TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS APRIL 10-11 CONCERNING (A) URBAN TRANSPORTATION

(B) RAILROADS (C) AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT (D) PORT DEVELOPMENT. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER GOI WILL RECEIVE TEAMS AT APPROPRIATE LEVELS. DOT WILL MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO HAVE TEAM VISITS COMPLETED IN TIME TO HAVE RESULTS FOR WASHINGTON MEETING OF E&F COMMITTEE. DEFINITE SCHEDULE AND NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS WILL FOLLOW SEPTEL.

4. HEALTH CARE WORKING GROUP: WHILE TWO SPECIFIC PROJECT PROPOSALS THUS FAR PRESENTED (PRIVATE RECRUITMENT HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL AND AMERICAN MEDICORP) APPEAR TO BE PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY GOI DESIRES AS STATED DURING WORKING GROUP VISIT TO TEHRAN WERE FOR RAPID DEVELOPMENT ON MUCH LARGER SCALE. PARTICULARS INCLUDED ESTABLISHMENT FULL SCALE HOSPITALS EACH PROVINCE WITH SUPPORTING SUBPROVINCE CLINIC NETWORK, MASSIVE PERSONNEL TRAINING PROGRAM, DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIAL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES. INCLUSION OF STATEMENT ON HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT (5 NEW HOSPITALS) IN AGREED PRESS STATEMENT FOLLOWING MARCH JOINT COMMISSION MEETING HAS GREATLY HEIGHTENED ALREADY KEEN INTEREST AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN IRANIAN PROGRAM. WE FEEL, THEREFORE, THAT RAPID FOLLOW-UP, PUSHING GOI FOR PROJECT PARTICULARS, HIGHLY DESIRABLE AND REQUEST EMBASSY APPROACH MEHRAN ALONG THESE LINES FOR HEALTH CARE WORKING GROUP UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETING. FYI, MEHRAN MESSAGE TRANSMITTED THROUGH IRANIAN EMBASSY REFERRED TO AGREEMENT BY U.S. SIDE QUOTE TO PREPARE A DETAILED FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR CONSIDERATION OF IRANIAN AUTHORITIES END QUOTE. IMPLICATION FROM CONTEXT IS THAT THIS IS A LARGE SCALE STUDY COVERING MANY AREAS IRANIAN HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT. DOES EMBASSY KNOW TO WHAT THIS REFERS? END FYI

5. HOUSING WORKING GROUP: WE ARE PLEASED MEHRAN AGREES TO MEETING OF HOUSING WORKING GROUP CHAIRED BY UNDER SECRETARY SIMONIAN. WILL ADVISE WHO U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN WILL BE SOONEST.

6. AGRICULTURE/AGRIBUSINESS WORKING GROUP WILL ALSO MEET CONCURRENTLY BEGINNING APRIL 21 (PER MINISTER-COUNSELOR MAJD). U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN WILL BE QUENTIN WEST, ADMINISTRATOR, ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE, USDA.

7. TRADE SUBCOMMITTEE: WE WOULD WELCOME DISCUSSION OF DETAILS U.S.-IRANIAN TRADE FIGURES AND TARGETS AS SUGGESTED BY MEHRAN. DAS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE CHARLES W. HOSTLER WILL CO-CHAIR THESE DISCUSSIONS FOR U.S. SIDE.

8. EARLIER OFFER (SEE STATE 75792) TO SCHEDULE INFORMAL WORKING SESSIONS BETWEEN MINISTER MEHRAN AND SECRETARY

TABOR AS WELL AS OTHER APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS STILL HOLDS. WE PROPOSE THESE DISCUSSIONS INCLUDE REVIEW OF FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE QUESTIONS MORNING OF APRIL 23 THROUGH LUNCH WITH A/S PARSKY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS.

9. WOULD APPRECIATE MEHRAN RESPONSE SOONEST RE TRANSPORTATION AND HEALTH CARE GROUPS. INGERSOLL

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